



ROSEWOOD COURTS

October 13, 2014

A Brief Overview for the Community Development Commission

About the Property

- 2001 Rosewood Avenue, Austin, TX 78702
- Number of Units: 124
- Owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)



Brief History

- Built in 1939, Rosewood Courts is one of the oldest properties in the Housing Authority of the City of Austin's (HACA) portfolio.
- Among the first public housing projects built in Texas and the United States under the 1937 Act – at a time when public housing was required to be segregated.
- Between 1939 and 1940, HACA developed Santa Rita Courts for Hispanic, Rosewood Courts for African American and Chalmers Court for white low-income families.
- Before the housing was developed, the property was the location of Emancipation Park and local African American Juneteenth celebrations.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

- In 2012, HUD awarded HACA a \$300,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to develop a comprehensive plan for property revitalization and neighborhood improvements.
- Austin Housing Finance Corporation supported the application as a co-applicant.
- Purpose: To engage the community in an extensive planning process to re-envision a revitalized Rosewood Courts.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

Community Engagement Activities:

- Working Group Meetings
- Resident Meetings
- Community Open House
- Community Meetings
- UT Architecture Studio
- Continuing Community Conversations
- Housing Concept Refinement
- Plan Drafting



Plan Vision

- Rosewood Courts enhancements reflect the historic and cultural significance of the site, while accommodating the needs of current and future residents. The new Rosewood Courts is a microcosm of the mixed-income, mixed use character of the Rosewood neighborhood.
- Rosewood Courts families and other low-income neighborhood residents have the support and services needed to help them move their families from poverty to prosperity.
- Rosewood is a stable, true mixed-income community that respects the different cultures and values of residents of today and tomorrow.



Plan Overview

- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Education
- Health, Wellness and Safety
- Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation
- Neighborhood Infrastructure



Current Status

- HACCA submitted the final Rosewood Choice Neighborhoods Planning Initiative Transformation Plan to HUD in April of 2015.
- Reviewed by HUD and deemed acceptable, having all of the necessary components and meeting all requirements for the final deliverable.
- No additional action has been taken on the project since that time.

Questions

- For more information:

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